TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1102.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Tuesday, the 26th April 1927/13th Medam 1102.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven thirty-five of the clock, M. E. Watts Esquire, B. A., Barrister-at-law, Dewan, presiding. All except the following members were present:

Mr. N. V. Joseph; Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman; Mr. T. J. Matthew; Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose and Mr. C. P. Tarakan.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were sworn in:

(1) Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad (*Co-opted*).
(2) Mr. R. Krishna Pillai (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*).
(3) Mr. L. A. Lampard (*Planters*).
(4) Mr. W. H. Pitt (*Commissioner of Police*).
(5) Mr. O. S. Ramaswami Aiyar (*Maramath Engineer*).
(6) Mr. G. Sankaran Poti (*Co-opted*).
(7) Mr. J. Stephenson (*Director of Public Instruction*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Levy of Tolls in the evening at the Markets at Oachira.

148. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (1) With reference to the answer given to my question No. 80 on the 26th Karkatakam 1101, will the Government be pleased to ask the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, to ascertain personally and report whether any articles are taken for sale to the vegetable and fish markets (the open spaces and temporary sheds outside the permanent shops) at Oachira at any time except between 4 P. M. and 7 P. M.?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to exempt, at least from 1103, mere handfuls of coir, cocoanuts, cocoanut-husks, eggs, oil-seeds, vegetables, etc., taken to the markets at Oachira for sale between 4 P. M. and 7 P. M. (mostly by poor people) for buying rice, tapioca, chillies, kerosene oil, etc., for daily use, from the levy of tolls?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) It is reported that fish is generally taken for sale daily in the Oachira fish market in the afternoon from 4 P. M. to 7 P. M. approximately, but in the month of Mithunam, during the period of Oachira *kali* and fairs, fish is taken for sale both in the forenoon and in the afternoon. In the open spaces of the vegetable markets and in the temporary sheds in the open space, several articles such as rice, salt, oil, jaggery and tapioca are sold throughout the day.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In answer to the first part of the question it is stated:

"In the open spaces of the vegetable markets and in the temporary sheds in the open space, several articles such as rice, salt, oil, jaggery and tapioca are sold throughout the day."

Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether there are not permanent shops for these purposes for which the shop-keeper's pay separate tax direct to the Government and not to the toll contractors?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Even if there are permanent shops it is a fact that these also are there. The report of the District Magistrate says that these articles are sold there outside the permanent shops.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I have myself gone there. The shops in the open space are held only in the evenings. There is nothing in the open space at other times.

With reference to the answer to part (2), will the Government be pleased to consider whether the answer given is not against the promise made by the Dewan-President that the levy of tolls in the evening markets would be abolished?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This is not an evening market. It is a market which is held throughout the day. It starts in the morning and goes on till 8 P. M. Such a market cannot be called an evening market.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is the case with all evening markets that they are held in places where other shops also are situated.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No; evening markets are held only in the evenings.

Registry of Poramboke in Survey No. 731 in Valiakuzhi Pakuthi.

149. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain and state the action taken on the petitions dated the 15th Chingam 1102, sent to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner and the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, by Mr. Kochukunju Channar of Valiakottakkal house and other inhabitants of Valiakuzhi and the neighbouring *pakuthies* in the Kartikapalli taluk, complaining about the auction sale of the *poramboke chal* comprised in Survey No. 731 of the Valiakuzhi *pakuthi*?

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